

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's September 15, 2021 Special Meeting

The Independence City Commission met for a special meeting on September 15, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. at the Memorial Hall. Mayor Louis Ysusi, Commissioner Leonhard Cafilisch and Commissioner Dean Hayse were present. Others present included:

City Staff

Lacey Lies, Director of Finance
David Cowan, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Passauer, City Manager/Zoning Administrator
David Schwenker, City Clerk/City Treasurer
Brian McHugh, Memorial Hall Supervisor
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief
Mike Devore, Memorial Hall Maintenance
John Garris, City Engineer/Director of Public Works and Utilities
Shawn Wallis, Fire/EMS Chief
April Nutt, Director of Housing Authority
Scott Patton, Park and Zoo Director

Visitors

Larry McHugh
Jake Oberlechner
Alan Younger
Andy Hess
Mike O'Malley
Vance Kelley
Chris Birkenmaier
Lori Kelly
Greg Kelly
Mike Thompson
Brian Williams

I. SPECIAL SESSION

A. Call to Order

Mayor Ysusi called the meeting to order.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public hearing for submission of the Central Park Sports Complex project to KDWP for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant.

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recreation projects that are sponsored by political subdivisions and other appropriate public agencies.

Since 1965, Kansas has received over \$50 million and funded approximately 700 LWCF projects in nearly every county. Qualifying projects include development and/or acquisition of outdoor facilities for the purpose of public recreation. Upon receiving 2021 applications, KDWP will review each project to confirm that it is in accord with the eligibility requirements specified in the LWCF guidelines. Eligible projects will include all required documentation, and meet needs identified in the 2015 Kansas Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

City staff plans to submit an application for the Central Park Sports Complex, which will significantly improve and expand the sporting facilities connecting the skate park on Penn Avenue and the baseball/softball complex on Park Blvd, adding a soccer complex and concessions/restrooms, batting cages, a 1-mile walking trail, pickleball courts, basketball courts, a play area, multi-use field, and an outdoor fitness court. Additionally, the plan incorporates ADA accessibility throughout the park and gives safe, marked parking to all facilities.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflich, seconded by Commissioner Hayse the Commission authorized City staff to submit the grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflich, Hayse

Nay: None

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hayse, seconded by Commissioner Caflich the Commission adopted Resolution 2021-032 and authorized city staff to submit the grant application and authorize the mayor to sign all related documents.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflich, Hayse

Nay: None

III. ITEMS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- A. Consider an Administration Agreement with Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission to prepare the application and provide administrative services for a KDWP Land and Conservation Grant.

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Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Cafilisch, seconded by Commissioner Hayse the Commission authorized an agreement with Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission to provide administrative services for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Land and Conservation Fund Grant subject to the City Attorney's approval.

Aye: Ysusi, Cafilisch, Hayse

Nay: None

- B. Consider final design development and authorize preparation of construction documents for bidding 1916 City Hall and Fire/EMS.

TreanorHL and McCown Gordon will be presenting the final design plan concepts, and cost estimates for the City Hall remodel and Fire-EMS expansions. Treanor HL and McCownGordon will be present at the meeting to review the design and cost estimates with options for the commission to consider. The next phase, after approval, will be developing construction documents for bidding by TreanorHL.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Cafilisch, seconded by Mayor Ysusi the Commission authorized Treanor HL to prepare construction drawings for the bidding of City Hall and Fire/EMS with the change of the HVAC system to the alternate system as discussed today, the existing elevator will remain providing access to the floor elevations as it currently does and install a dumbwaiter between the second and third floor and review and modify the site plan being more ADA friendly. The Fire/EMS to consider eliminating items under alternate two, three, four, six and seven.

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Aye: Ysusi, Cafilisch

Nay: Hayse

Mayor Ysusi called for a 15-minute recess. The open meeting resumed at 11:17 a.m.

- C. Consider authorizing receipt of bids for the Kiddy Land upgrades, restroom, sidewalk and sewer.

Plans include specifications for construction of a single-family ADA restroom facility, connection of restroom to City water and sewer, new sidewalks, and additional lighting in Kiddy Land. Plans have been reviewed by the City Leadership Team.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hayse, seconded by Commissioner Cafilisch the Commission approved plans and authorized receipt of bids on October 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Aye: Ysusi, Cafilisch, Hayse

Nay: None

IV. DISCUSSION

- A. Discussion on long-term infrastructure maintenance plan for streets, sanitary sewers, water lines, and storm sewers.

The PowerPoint presentation will discuss a vision for the paving systems; categorization of roadways; the current status; appropriate strategies and initial plans for repair, maintenance and replacement strategy implementation. Discussion will then follow the similarities and differences with other infrastructure systems (sewer, storm sewer, and water) that the City maintains.

- B. Discussion regarding the Southeast Liftstation and proposed path to move forward.

The large and small pumps available to send off have been evaluated. The Southeast Lift Station has been running without issue since the last update. Currently, a single large pump is in use with a rental diesel-powered pump for emergency backup.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mayor Ysusi moved to adjourn. Commissioner Caflisch seconded.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

Louis Ysusi, Mayor

Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner

Dean Hayse, Commissioner

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer